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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
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Reiner HAMMERICH et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 2192
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Application No.: 10/676,825	)	Examiner: Dao, T.
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Filed: September 30, 2003	)	
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For: VALIDATING PROGRAMS	)	Confirmation No.: 3059

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

In reply to the Office Action mailed December 5, 2007, the period for response to which extends through March 5, 2008, please amend this application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections of this paper.